



2015 Mourning Dove Hunting Fact Sheet

The 2015 Nebraska dove season (mourning dove, Eurasian collared dove, and White-winged dove) starts on 1 September and runs through 30 October, with daily aggregate bag limits and possession limits of 15 and 45, respectively. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. Resident dove hunters 16 years and older, and all non-resident hunters, are required to have a 2015 small game hunting license, a habitat stamp, and a 2015 Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number. HIP numbers are free and can be obtained by calling toll-free 1-888-764-7343, by registering on the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission's website (outdoornebraska.ne.gov/hip), or at any Game & Parks district office. A federal migratory bird hunting stamp (i.e., duck stamp) is NOT required to hunt doves. Eurasian collared doves may also be harvested between 31 October and 31 August. Bag and possession limits during the collared dove season are 15 and 45, respectively.

Dove hunters are encouraged to look for leg bands on any doves they shoot this year. Biologists across the country have placed bands on thousands of doves in Nebraska and 25 other states this summer, and hunters can play a vital role in dove management by reporting any bands that they recover. Nebraska again will be cooperating with the US Fish & Wildlife Service in collecting mourning dove wings from hunters. Randomly selected hunters will be asked to save one wing from each dove they harvest during the first week of the season and mail them, postage free, to the USFWS.

Sunflower, millet, or wheat, which generally provide good dove-hunting opportunities, have been planted at the following Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), additional areas offering good hunting opportunities are also listed. However, planting and weather conditions might have reduced seed production in some plots. *Pre-season scouting is essential no matter where you plan to hunt.*

- North-central: Pine Glenn East (6 acres spring wheat), Pine Glenn West (3 acres [2 fields] millet and sorghum), Thomas Creek (7 acres [3 fields] spring wheat and millet), Bobcat (7 acres [2 fields] milo and standing corn), Plum Creek (2 acres millet and turnips), Calamus Reservoir (25 acres annual weeds), Myrtle Hall (20 acres annual weeds, milo, and millet), Davis Creek (50 acres annual weeds), Holt Creek (2 acres spring wheat and turnips)
- Northeast: Oak Valley (20 acres annual weeds, with millet and milo), Wood Duck (30 acres annual weeds with millet and milo), Black Island (2 acres wheat, 4 acres annual weeds with millet and milo), George Syas (10 acres [3 fields] wheat, 2 acres millet with annual weeds), Don Dworak (3 acres wheat), Elk Point Bend (50 acres annual weeds with millet, milo, and sunflower), Wilkinson (non-toxic shot only; 4 acres sunflower and millet)
- Southeast: Schilling (30 acres [5 fields] sunflower; North section closed 1-4 September), Rake's Creek (8 acres annual weeds), Tobacco Island (15 acres [2 fields] sunflower, access via south parking lot), Hamburg Bend (12 acres [2 fields] sunflower, 40 acres disked annual weeds), Osage (20 acres sunflower, 30 acres wheat stubble, 30 acres annual weeds; sunflowers planted late and may not be fully mature by 1 September), Twin Oaks (10 acres

sunflower; planted late and may not be fully mature by 1 September), Kansas Bend (25 acres sunflower, abundant annual weeds), Peru Bottoms (20 acres annual weeds), Wild Wood (14 acres millet), Stagecoach (13 acres millet), Wagon Train (9 acres of millet), Twin Lakes (21 acres wheat stubble, 24 acres sunflower), Branched Oak (20 acres annual weeds, 25 acres sunflower), Pawnee (5 acres millet and milo), Olive Creek (2 acres milo, 2 acres rye, 4 acres annual weeds), Helmuth (6 acres annual weeds; non-toxic shot only), Little Salt Creek West (4 acres milo, 6 acres annual weeds; non-toxic shot only), Yankee Hill (8 acres sunflower, 9 acres milo, 7 acres annual weeds)

- Southwest: Medicine Creek (80 acres [9 fields] wheat, 500 acres sunflower and annual weeds, 5 acres millet, 15 acres [3 fields] ragweed), Swanson (150 acres [10 fields] wheat, 250 acres sunflower and annual weeds, 15 acres [2 fields] ragweed), Red Willow (250 acres sunflower and annual weeds, 12 acres [2 fields] ragweed), Enders (50 acres [3 fields] wheat, 50 acres sunflower and annual weeds, 5 acres ragweed), Hayes Center (10 acres sunflower and annual weeds), Harold Anderson (1 acre wheat, 2 acres annual weeds), Sherman Reservoir (10 acres wheat, 150+ acres annual weeds), Pressey (6 acres wheat, 75+ acres annual weeds), Koziol (5 acres wheat, 15 acres annual weeds), Berggren Young (100 acres early successional annual weeds), Sacramento-Wilcox (57 acres [5 fields] wheat stubble, 75 acres [10 fields] annual weeds), Clear Creek (10 acres milo, 10 acres cane, 10 acres milo and sunflower mix, 20 acres native sunflower; non-toxic shot only), Cedar Valley (5 acres millet, 8 acres milo, 2 acres sunflower), Wapiti (5 acres milo and millet, ~800 acres annual weeds), North River (3 acres milo, 1 acre millet, 10 acres disked native sunflower, 3 acres sunflower), Bittern's Call (80 acres annual weeds), Cornhusker (120 acres milo, 100 acres annual weeds), Pintail (20 acres milo, 40 acres annual weeds; non-toxic shot only), Bullrush (20 acres annual weeds; non-toxic shot only)
- South-central: Alexandria (16 acres [2 fields] sunflower, 45 acres [7 fields] annual weeds), Alexandria SW (38 acres [8 fields] annual weeds), Arrowhead (7 acres wheat stubble), Diamond Lake (6.1 acres sunflower, 15 acres [4 fields] annual weeds), Divoky Acres (15 acres annual weeds), Swan Creek (50 acres [3 fields] annual weeds), Dry Sandy (16 acres annual weeds), Flathead (6.2 acres [2 fields] sunflower, 30 acres [7 fields] annual weeds), Little Blue (3 acres sunflower, 8 acres [2 fields] wheat stubble), Little Blue East (4.2 acres annual weeds), Meridian (0.5 acres sunflower, 14 acres [5 fields] annual weeds), Rose Creek (4.3 acres sunflowers, 16 acres [4 fields] annual weeds), Rose Creek West (5.1 acres sunflower, 28 acres [7 fields] annual weeds)
- Panhandle: Arnold-Trupp (2 acres millet), Bordeaux Creek (3 acres millet/sorghum), Box Butte (9 acres [3 fields] sorghum/millet, sunflower, annual weeds), Nine Mile (2 acres millet [2 fields]; 11 acre grass planting with annual weeds), Buffalo Creek, Chadron Creek, and Cedar Canyon can also provide good hunting around ponds or water sites.

Other WMAs throughout the state can provide good dove hunting opportunities depending on local conditions. Contact the nearest Game & Parks district office for area-specific information, and remember to scout the area you plan to hunt.